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- The Ministry of Health and the North Korean Army have sole administrative responsibility for the implementation of biological research programs in North Korea. These are carried out through two micro-biological research laboratories, as follows:
 - a. Central Biological Research Laboratory (CBRL)

This laboratory is presently situated in Sinuiju (P'yongan-pukto), but there are plans to move the laboratory to P'yongyang sometime in 1957. The CBRL is directly under the control of the Ministry of Health, and is staffed entirely by civilian personnel, of which there are approximately 200. Work at this installation is confined entirely to research on vaccines and innoculations for cholera, typhus, tetanus, smallpox, and typhoid. Animals used for experimental purposes include cows, mice and rats, but as yet there has been no experimentation on humans. As of March 1955 the following personnel were employed at the CBRL:

(1)	Name: KIM (fnm), Civilian Position: Director	25X1
(2)	Name: KIM Nakkyongl (6855/5507/6975), Civilian	
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	Position: Chief, Toxin Section	
(3)	Name: AN Sun-yong (1344/7311/5391), Civilian	
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	Position: Chief, Tuberculosis Section	

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	ъ.	Central Preventive Medical Military Unit (CPMMU)		I	
	This installation which is affiliated with and controlled by the Medical Affairs Bureau, Rear General Bureau, Ministry of National Defense, is in P'yongyang and employs approximately 100 persons. The unit is primarily concerned with research in the perfecting of vaccines ² already in use and in research on new immunization procedures, including vaccines for the prevention of cholera, typhus, tetanus, smallpox, typhoid, rabies, and tubercular skin vaccines. The CPMMU and the CBRL have been supplying vaccines to military personnel and civilians in North Korea since 1954. Prior to 1954 Soviet vaccines had been used almost exclusively. The following military personnel were assigned to this medical unit:				
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2.	sul pre gra	iet medical standards obtain and Soviet-trained individuants to the CERL and the CPMMU, and until 1953 Soviet sent at these installations. One USSR scientific instituted Immunization or Preventive Medical College, at that the professor to the CERL and CPMMU as a consultant and accompanies.	advisors were tution, the Len Ame provided a		
3.	are	Central Preventive Disease Laboratory and the Sanitation associated with micro-biological research in North Kore controlled by the Ministry of Health.	on Inspection (ea. Both facil	Office lities	
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5.	won the in	se individuals are prominent members of the Korean Labor commendations for revealing "germ warfare agents and ma United States during the Korean War". HONG Sun-ok has research on salmomella, a bacteriological parasite which estines of animals and of humans.	terials used been involved	.ve y	

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2.	The quality of both the products and of the training in micro-biological research in North Korea is considerably below U.S. standards. Immunization media prepared in North Korea are vastly inferior both in quality and in quantity to the same products manufactured in the United States but it should be noted that vast strides have been made in this field within the past two years in North Korea.	
3.	KIM recently transferred to the 11th Essential Hospital, KPA.	
4.[Comment. FBIS, 19 October 1953, reported a YANG Chin-hong as president of P'yongyang Medical College.	25X1
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